

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: The FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME RADIO had its 10th annual Convention on October 11th and 12th, 1985, at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, New Jersey. Many celebrities were present. Those receiving awards were: LEE ALAN, TONY CAMINITA, HUMPHREY DAVIS, TOM DOUGALL, LUCILLE FLETCHER, RUTH FRANKLIN, FRED FLOWERDAY, JIM FLETCHER, BILL HENGSTEBECK, WILLIAM N. ROBSON, LYNNE ROGERS, ERNIE WINSTANLEY, RUBE WEISS, FRED WEIHE, WHIT VERNON. Other guests present were: JACKSON BECK, ARTHUR ANDERSON, GEORGE ANSBRO, FRAN CARLON, FRED FOY, ANN LORING, EVIE JUSTER, DICK OSGOOD, ASHLEY MILLER, BILL OWEN, CHARLOTTE MANSON, AUDREY MARSH, FRANK NELSON, TERRY & KEN ROSS, ALICE REINHART, SIDNEY SLON, ERNEST RICCA, KEN ROBERTS, MARGOT STEVENSON, LIZ WEISS, DWIGHT WEIST, JANE WARD, FLORENCE WILLIAMS, MIRIAM WOLFE. The guests socialized with fans Friday and Saturday and re-created 3 radio shows.

The Convention began on Friday at 12:00 Noon, when the dealers tables opened. There were 40 tables used...183 people attended the dinner, with another 43 in the afternoon. Video tapes of radio-TV shows were shown both days. Workshops included ESCAPE (T. Salomonson); Starting a Collection (B. Burnham); Use of a Computer (T. Monroe). After Dinner "Sorry Wrong Number" was re-created with Bill Robson and Lucille Fletcher in attendance. Lucille then received an award. Joe Webb & Stu Weiss reminisced about the 1st FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME RADIO Convention in 1976. Musical entertainment, trivia & sing-a-long was then presented by Jay Hickerson.

On Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., dealers tables opened & workshops started, including: Lone Ranger panel (D. Osgood); Lone Ranger rehearsal (dir.-Fred Flowerday); Americana Through Radio (Doris Milberg); a visit with William N. Robson; Tom Mix (J. French & D. Aston); Doc Savage (G & A.J. Yoggy, B. Lynes, W. Murray); Trivia (J. Eccles, R. King); Daytime show panel with script reading including Life Can Be Beautiful and Terry & The Pirates (Ron Lackmann); Mystery panel with script reading of Philo Vance (B. Nadel). This was immediately followed by Quick as a Flash, with Ken Roberts.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails & a buffet feast for 281 people. (Approx. 415 attended the daytime program). After dinner a brief tribute was given to Orson Welles. Superman & The Lone Ranger were then re-created. Jackson Beck re-created the announcer and Beanie in Superman, and all our friends from WXYZ who came from Michigan & Florida, participated in the Lone Ranger. Karen and Jay Hickerson presented a 2-part tribute to 10 years of Conventions, ending with an original version of "Thanks for the Memory." Jay Hickerson received a special award from many of the other committee members for his work in running these 10 conventions. Jack Beck and Frank Nelson presented the award.

Special awards were given to Ken and Terry Ross for their exceptional work with sound effects at our conventions for the last 4 years. The Allen Rockford Award was given to Dick Osgood for his book "Wyxie Wonderland" and the amount of work he did in getting the Lone Ranger cast together.

Leta Beemer Peterson, widow of Brace Beemer, received two posthumous awards for Brace Beemer--one from the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame (presented by Fred Shay & Fred Foy) and the other from FOTR.

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I want to again thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving their time to be with us.

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MORE CONVENTION NEWS: The Committee did an outstanding job. My heartfelt thanks go to Bob Burchette, Barbara & Dave Davies, Gary Kramer, Ron Lackmann, Bill Nadel, Ken Piletic, Adrienne & Anthony Tollin, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss, Anna Jean & Gary Yoggy.

Two "behind the scenes" people who have contributed to the Convention are Jack Shugg and Max Schmid. They are co-producers of the "Golden Age of Radio" on WBAI-FM 99.5 in New York City. The program will celebrate its 10th anniversary in January and Jack and Max have hosted it most of that time. Twenty-one out of 60 walk-ins came as a result of hearing about the Convention on "The Golden Age of Radio." Many thanks.

Friends of OTR T-shirts were sold at the Convention and are available in all sizes (S,M,L, X-L). Cost, including postage, is \$8.50. Pins are still available for \$4.25 (lapel size) and \$5.25 (large ones).

The dates for Convention '86 are Oct. 24th and 25th at Holiday Inn-North, in Newark. We are always open for new ideas for workshops--especially if you want to volunteer to run one. Also, if you have any other suggestions, please let us know.

Audio tapes may be obtained from Joe Webb, Box 268, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542. Video tapes may be obtained from Ken Piletic, 705 South Oltendorf Rd., Streamwood, Ill. 60103. Details for both will follow

Our first Committee meeting will be held in January or February in the tri-state area. If you wish to actively help, please let me know.

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RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: NPR presented "The Adventures of Doc Savage" during October on many stations. It was written in part by Will Murray who attended our Convention this year. The announcer is Bobb Lynes of SPERDVAC.

Bob Steele, WTIC (Hartford) personality, was honored for his 50th year in broadcasting by Conn. Broadcasters.

The Grand Ole Opry celebrates its 60th anniversary on November 28th. It has been broadcast continuously since 1925 over WSM-AM in Nashville. Roy Acuff has performed with it 47 years.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD will be distributed by Charles Michelson to radio stations.

A New York writer, Stephen Silverman, wants to bring AMOS 'N' ANDY back as a Broadway musical. CBS who says they own the rights, is fighting it. WEEI, Boston has been asked by group of black clergymen to cancel broadcasts of AMOS 'N' ANDY which the station is airing.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SPERDVAC Radiogram; Sept. 1985; Article by Ivan Ditmars...SPERDVAC Radiogram; Nov. 1985; salute to Carlton E. Morse...Milwaukee Club Newsletter, October; The Milwaukee Area Radio Enthusiasts have celebrated 10 years of existence. Its latest newsletter has article about Edgar Bergan's last appearance in 1978...NOSTALGIA DIGEST, Dec-Jan, Article on Bob Hope.

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BOOKS & MAGAZINES: KMA (Shenandoah, Ia.) recently celebrated 60 years on the air (same owner -- is this a record?) A book, KMA Radio - The First 60 Years, 256 pages is available for \$11.85 from KMA, Box 500, Shenandoah, Ia. 51603.

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LOGS: Supplements for collectors list (#96-104), Jack Benny (#3), Gunsmoke (#1) are available from me for a SASE...Hollywood Players (1946-47) complete is available for a SASE from Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201... I have a computerized list of over 320 books that I own related to the Performing Arts (Music, Movies, Radio, TV, etc.), including 50 books on OTR. For a list, please send \$1.00.

OTR - More Broadcasts: CFMA should be CFMI 101...CFMI 101 Brian Arnold - Sun. 8:30-11:00 p.m....CFMI-FM 101 and CKNW-AM 980 Jack Cullen (has had show since 1962).

NEW ADDRESSES: PHIL EVANS, Box 136, Bakersfield, Cal. 93302.

NEW FRIENDS & RETURNEES: JERRY FRIEDLAND, (Pres. Horatio Alger Society), 6 Elysie Rd., Monsey, N.Y. 10950...DENNIS BINGHAM, 2980 Sebolt Rd., Library, Pa. 15129...BILL SABIS, 5715 N.W. 4th Pl., Gainesville, Fla. 32607, has copies left of DIMENSION X & X-1 Book (including logs) for \$6.50. Bill is in his 8th year of hosting "Theater of the Mind" every Sunday 9-11 p.m. over WUFT-FM, an NPR affiliate from Univ. of Fla....FRED KING, 508 Sunset Dr., Macon, Mo. 63552, has about 35 copies left of an extensive 50-page Jack Armstrong Encyclopedia (covers all aspects of show). They are \$12 per copy. Fred also has a few copies left of an earlier JA scrapbook for \$6.00. The Encyclopedia contains a log from 1947-1951...RALPH HIPSCH, 3500 Race St., Phil., Pa. 19104, is Executive Director of Friends of Radio Theater - a national membership org. to promote presentation of theater on radio. Its advisory board includes Norman Corwin and many others doing radio theater today. Write Ralph for full information on how you can support it...JOHN MARSH, Dept. Theater, Edinboro Univ., Edinboro, Pa. 16444, is doing research on Dick Powell and wants tapes, info., etc. on Powell's career in radio...BILL BROOKS, 3061, NE 92, Seattle, Wa. 98115, wants logs of YTJD & Have Gun Will Travel...DUFF CAMPBELL, Box 4371, Panorama City, Ca. 91412...ERNIE ALOI, 24 Custis Ave., W. Plains, N.Y. 10603...JOE BEVILACQUA, 202, W. 8th St., #3, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. Joe specializes in parodies of OTR shows...STAN CAWALTI, 11621 Chapel Rd., Clifton, Va. 22024...JOHN ECCLES, 443 N. Annapolis Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401...BARRY HERMAN, 59 Harvey Drive, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078...HAROLD WIDDISON, 3445 N. 4th St., Flagstaff, Az. 86001...HERBERT ROGOFF, 2600 Netherland Ave., #710, Bronx, N.Y. 10463...SHERILL & GAYLE BLAND, 3255 Cory Dr., Reno, Nevada 89509...NAB, Library, 1771 N. St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036...JOHN MEYER, 34 Boss Ave., Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801...ALFRED DUBNICK, 2804 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691...JIM BERQUIST, 27 Overbrook, Dr., Monsey, N.Y. 10952...DAVID POLLOCK, 1731 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills, Ca. 90210, looking for cassette & other information on "Into the Mist," an episode broadcast on Phillip Morris Playhouse on 6/24/49. It was written by his father Louis Pollock...LYNN WAGAR, Box 202, BCA, St. Cloud, Mn. 56301...S.E. GILMORE, Drawer 39, Bellaire, Tx 77401, wants info. concerning Bob Hawk and show he did called Red Hot & Low Down in Chicago area 1927-31. Also any info. about Bob Hawk and his family...ED CORCORAN, 39 Glenwood Rd., So. Windsor, Ct. 06066. Ed & I go back to 1970 when I started...RICHARD KEEN, 1114 N. Second St., Phoenix, Az. 85004. Richard is actively involved in OTR and is doing research on a book about history of radio network programming. Richard wants copies of Radio Guide, Radio Mirror, Variety Radio Director Annuals, Pierre Key's Radio Annual: A Survey of the Year in Radio, plus Radio Annual published by Radio Daily.

OLD FRIENDS: MAX SALATHIEL, 4712 Spiva Dr., Del City, Ok. 73115, wants video tapes of Movies with radiostars...ROGER HILL, 1231 Grove #11, San Fran., Cal. 94117, would like audio tape of movie soundtrack of COTTON CLUB -- Not commercially issued record...ROBERT EVEREST, 1016 Union Ave., Balt., Md. 21211, wants copies of RADIO GUIDE & RADIO MIRROR...THOM SALOME, 196 Lawrence Av., B'klyn, N.Y. 11230, thanks all his customers, old & new. His catalog lists 1200 reels (\$5 ea.) For

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OLD FRIENDS (cont'd): the catalog, send \$2.00 in stamps plus an 11½ X 13 envelope...RAY NEMEC, 1424 Heatherton Dr., Naperville, Ill. 60540, still wants KMA (Iowa) program schedules esp: Movie-Radio Guides July 1942-Oct. 1942 (6-8AM) and Feb. & March 1943. Also Aug. 1933-Aug 1937 (Radio Guide)...RUDY SCHWARTZ, Burlington Audio Tapes, Inc., 106 Mott Street, Oceanside, N.Y. 11572, says it was really nice meeting and greeting old customers at the Old Time Radio Convention in October and it was equally as nice to make some new customers as well. He hopes to maintain all your needs in audio and video supplies over the years, as they have in the past. Any questions you may have can be answered by dialing toll free (1) (800) 331-3191. Orders can be placed by phone as well. Rudy thanks you for your patronage, and if you don't have Burlington's catalog, you can request one from him.

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